



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAITOH, Shuji, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1645**

Serial No.: **09/147,052**

Examiner: **Jana A. HINES**

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For. **NOVEL FUSION PROTEIN, GENE THEREOF, RECOMBINANT VECTOR  
BEARING THE GENE AND RECOMBINANT VIRUS AS WELL AS USE  
THEREOF**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 7, 2006

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated **April 6, 2006**, the period for response under the Notice of Appeal filed on **August 7, 2006**, for two months, from October 7, 2006, to December 7, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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